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President Barack Obama, the newly sworn-in 44th president of the United States, waves as he and his wife, Michelle, walk down Pennsylvania Avenue during the inaugural parade yesterday in Washington, D.C.

Spirit of change

Obama instated as first black American president

History's chain broke awkwardly yesterday, a few minutes later than advertised, a few crucial words shy of correct.

When Barack Hussein Obama and Chief Supreme Court Justice John Roberts finally got the 35 words to the oath of office right — the chief justice muddled the oath, while Obama waited and smiled — the date with destiny was complete.

Every colour. Every country, too, represented in the frozen masses assembled on the National Mall outside the west front of the U.S. Capitol. And a billion more, on television and online, the world over.

It was arguably the most joyous gathering in U.S. history, three kilometres of humanity, a mesmerizing flurry of flags and smiles.

A race card turned, a

legacy trumped — and America made sense again. Different sense. Better sense.

A hush fell. More words — 17 minutes of words. And the Poet-in-Chief hit every mark.

"Starting today, we must pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off, and begin the work of remaking America."

President Obama

Too many marks, surely. It was a speech that was intended as all things to all people — the unfurling once again of that widest possible umbrella that brought him to power.

Those who came wanting to hear Obama claim Martin Luther King Jr.'s promised land left with

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the mountaintop unmentioned. Perhaps what you can see speaks for itself.

For America, he both promised and demanded renewal. For the world, a hand outstretched. For the Muslim world, a fresh start.

"The time has come to reaffirm our enduring spirit; to choose our better history; to carry forward that precious gift, that noble idea, passed on from generation to generation," said Obama, channeling the spirits of Kennedy and Jefferson.

"Starting today, we must pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off, and begin the work of remaking America," said Obama.

Canada's representative at the ceremony, Citizen-

ship Minister Jason Kenny, told Torstar, "There was almost disbelief when it was finally done.

"People were crying, hugging each other. There was an authenticity to the moment that you don't always see in political life."

Kenny sat at the front, flanked by many of the surviving civil-rights warriors on whose shoulders Obama now stands.

However the next four years unfold, the reality is that a child born today, black or white or otherwise, will grow up taking this day as a matter of historical fact.

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Full text/video of the inauguration address on metronews.ca/world

Inauguration Quotes

A collection of quotes on Barack Obama's inauguration:

"We also send our warmest wishes to our American neighbours as they celebrate this historic day with their friends around the world ... The United States remains Canada's most important ally, closest friend and largest trading partner and I look forward to working with President Obama and his administration as we build on this special relationship."

— PM STEPHEN HARPER, IN A WRITTEN STATEMENT

"A new page in the history of civilizations is being written before our very eyes, fulfilling the wishes of so many youths, women and men, from every background and every creed, to see our world become more just and more human."

— GOV. GEN MICHAËLE JEAN

"At a time when so many of our brothers and sisters throughout the world yearn for liberation from the scourge of poverty, hunger and violence, I pray that you will be confirmed in your resolve to promote understanding, co-operation and peace among the nations."

— POPE BENEDICT XVI, IN A TELEGRAM TO OBAMA

"Your election to this high office has inspired people as few other events in recent times have done."

— SOUTH AFRICA'S NELSON MANDELA

"Yes, President Obama's election is a monumental step, but it is not the realization of my father's dream."

— MARTIN LUTHER KING III, AT A LUNCHEON MONDAY

"It's a very exciting time. There certainly is a feeling that this administration will have science pretty close to the forefront."

— DAVID BARBEAU, U.S. GEOLOGIST IN ANTARCTICA

Local



Cell industry calls for old phones

Got an old cellphone you want to get rid of? The industry has launched a new website where you can find out where to drop off your phone for recycling. There are more than 3,500 dropoff points across Canada. To find one close to you, call 1-888-797-1740 or visit recyclemycell.ca. **METRO HALIFAX**

Brindi's owner charged with bylaw infractions

Rogier summoned 3 days after dog escapes death order

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Even after a win in Nova Scotia Supreme Court, Brindi's legal troubles aren't over.

Francesca Rogier, who fought in court for the life of her dog Brindi, was served a summons with three charges on it. It happened on Monday, three days after the court ruled that animal control officers don't have the right to sign euthanasia orders in non-emergencies.

The charges — dog run-

ning at large, dog attacking another dog, and failing to comply with a muzzle order — were issued just under the wire since the city had six months from the incident to issue a summons. Brindi is accused of breaking free and attacking a guide dog in July.

"Once they knew the ruling was in, the first thing they did was get summons issued up for me because they knew if they waited another day they'd never be able to do it again," Rogier said.

Deborah Story, spokes-

"We still consider the animal as dangerous based on its past behaviour."

HRM's Deborah Story

woman for Halifax Regional Municipality, said they were waiting for the court case to wrap up before issuing any charges.

"We still consider the animal as dangerous based on its past behaviour," she said.

Brindi's fate is still some-

what up in the air. But if she is to be put down, it's likely a provincial court judge will have to sign the order.

"These charges will be dealt with and what happens after that, I'm not sure," Story said.

Rogier got to visit with Brindi last weekend for the first time in months. She said her dog looked overweight and has picked up a few bad habits.

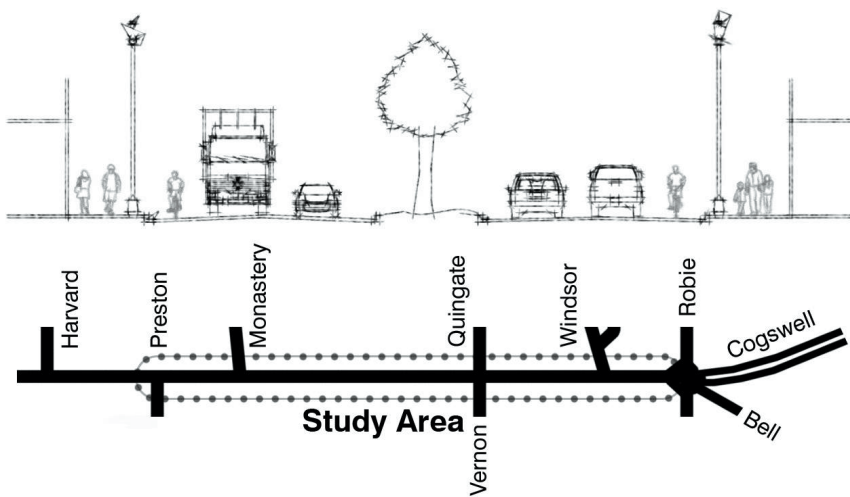
The court date for the charges is Feb. 3. Rogier said she's speaking with her lawyer about what they're going to do.

Flamenco Spanish flair



Flamenco dancer Maria Osende gives a preview of her Flamenco Valentine performance at the Fred Salon and Gallery yesterday. The Flamenco Valentine will take place on Feb. 13, 14 and 15 and will also feature Spanish wines and appetizers. Tickets are available at the Flamenco Festival Atlantic or Fred.

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Girl's acquittal overturned

COURT An acquittal of a young offender was overturned by an appeals court last week.

On Feb. 19, 2007, a girl, upset that her sister stole her purse, prompted her mother to call police and tell them she wanted her daughter out because she couldn't control her.

Officers tried to get the girl to leave, but she became "agitated and aggressive," according to the court documents.

Officers then tried to arrest her and she took a swing at one. She then kicked both in the face. After backup arrived, a Taser was used to subdue her.

The trial judge acquitted the girl saying the arrest was unlawful, but Justice M. Heather Robertson said last week the police officers were doing the right thing by arresting the girl.

She also entered convictions of assaulting police officers and resisting arrest.

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WHAT'S ONLINE TODAY



Video Michaëlle Jean pays tribute to the rise of Obama at metronews.ca/canada

Dog days of pet talk back at city council

LICENCES Watching city hall debate animal issues is kind of like seeing someone at a drug store buying condoms. They're extremely self-conscious about it, but they've just got to do it.

So it was with extreme trepidation that council debated dropping dog licences last night. Some councillors think it's more expensive than it's worth.

Council has been frequently lambasted for its seemingly endless rounds of cat bylaw debates. Indeed, most councillors looked afraid to even say the word "cat" last night, with some stopping mid-sentence to avoid it.

But with time to renew dog licences coming up, some think hunting people down to renew is too costly.

"We're wasting a hell of a lot of money on collecting licence fees. We could just make this easier if we don't have to worry about it," said East Dartmouth-The Lakes Coun. Andrew Younger.

There were only 6,700 licences given out to dogs in

2007, but that doubled last year when owners were given a "one-time" price of \$10. While debating the price drop, some councillors felt it was a waste of time.

"If a responsible pet owner would take the initiative to put ... a little tag on their dog, that'd be the same effect as licensing without the ongoing costs," said Spryfield-Herring Cove Coun. Steve Adams.

Deputy Mayor David Hendsbee said the whole renewal problem could be avoided with one-time registration for life. Then he dropped the C-bomb.

"I don't understand why we can't get something simple like this forwarded. Once you're done with dogs in a productive way, then you extend it to cats," he said.

The collective groan that followed was so loud Mayor Peter Kelly had to order council to calm down.

Staff will come back with more data next week, when the issue will be decided.

PAUL MCLEOD/METRO HALIFAX

Anti-idling program goes into high gear

More than 20 schools and businesses are putting up signs encouraging drivers to stop idling. It's part of Drive Wiser, a Clean Nova Scotia program to help people maintain and drive vehicles in a more fuel-efficient way. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Black community praises U.S. President Obama

American leader's inauguration a reason to celebrate

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Americans welcomed a king as well as a president yesterday.

Barack Obama is royalty, said Henry Bishop, executive director with the Black Cultural Centre for Nova Scotia.

Obama's spirit and inspiration just makes him something more, Bishop said.

"He's a king."

A small crowd of staff and visitors watched the historic inauguration on TV at the centre yesterday. He said they didn't hold a big party because many people were watching it elsewhere or wanted to be at home to watch the coverage from Washington, D.C.

"The word that came to my head was spellbinding," Bishop said. "He knew what he had to do to make an impact in the society in which



Kayla Smith, a Grade 6 student at Nelson Whynder elementary school in North Preston, watches Barack Obama's inauguration speech along with her classmates yesterday. Many schools around Metro set up televisions so students could watch Obama's inauguration live.

we live."

Obama commented on the occasion by saying that while a generation ago his father couldn't get a seat at some restaurants, he is now president. Bishop said it wasn't so much a comment about race, rather it's

about acceptance based on character, not superficial aspects.

"When you look at the character, hard work and ability to overcome obstacles that's society at its best," Bishop said.

"The fact that his is a pi-

oneer or adventurer is what makes this so special. The highest civic office in the land of America is incredibly powerful and the word he used was 'humbled.' That testifies to me that this guy doesn't take this for granted."

Car accident claims one life

CRASH A 57-year-old man died yesterday morning when his car left Highway 224 in Shubenacadie and hit part of an overpass. No other vehicles were involved and no one else was in the car.

The 9:15 a.m. accident shut down the highway for several hours; alcohol, weather or traffic conditions have been ruled out as causes.

RACHEL BOOMER/METRO HALIFAX

Police charge man for child porn

ARREST A Dartmouth man is facing child pornography charges.

Robert Christopher Munroe, 37, was charged after police searched his Churchill Court apartment on Friday.

Police seized his computer and other evidence.

Munroe will also face charges of unsafe storage of a firearm after police allegedly found a shotgun that wasn't stored properly.

Munroe was released to appear in court at a later date. The conditions of his release restrict his contact with children and computer use.

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Injuries rise thanks to icy roads

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HOSPITALS Icy streets sent so many people to the hospital yesterday morning that the QEII had to go into emergency mode.

The hospital was already busy when it got a spike of patients coming in with broken and bruised limbs from slipping on ice.

That overwhelmed the facilities, leaving the hospitals without enough beds to treat everyone. Eventually doctors called a "code orange" to get more help.

"Normally you'd be going into your own room to be checked out by a physician. In this case, they had run completely out of those rooms so we were

"Unfortunately our codes don't cover every scenario."

Peter Graham

lined up on chairs in the hallway with the doctors walking along checking everybody out," Chris Majka said.

Majka slipped and hurt his wrist. After waiting three-and-a-half hours, he was told it wasn't broken, but his doctor had already seen four broken arms before him.

The problem was so many people coming in with similar injuries. Hospitals generally see a range of patients going to different departments. But when so many people

come in with the same ailment, one section can be overwhelmed.

The doctors needed to do something, but there was no code for being overly backed up. So they improvised.

"Unfortunately our codes don't cover every scenario. So the physicians on duty at the time said 'we need some extra resources. We need some support, so we're going to activate the code closest to this to activate that support,'" said hospital spokesman Peter Graham.

"A code orange is specific to an external event outside of the hospital, in the community. It's some sort of casualty event where we expect a lot of patients to arrive in a short period of time."

Taxi driver has been missing since Saturday

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SEARCH Police are looking for Sergei Kostin, a Bob's Taxi driver who's been missing since Saturday afternoon.

The 40-year-old Ukrainian, who drives a green Chevrolet Impala with

the roof light number 367, picked up a fare on Gaston Road in Dartmouth at about 3:30 p.m. on Saturday and hasn't been heard from since.

Kostin doesn't have any family in the area. His employer reported him miss-



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Canadian cop shot in Detroit

A police officer from Windsor, Ont., is recovering in a Detroit hospital after he was shot during an apparent carjacking on Monday in Detroit. The officer, whose name has not yet been released, was shot in the arm and the chest outside an auto-parts store. Detroit police have one suspect in custody and are looking for two more.

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Oilsands pollution plan lacking: Report

Pollution will continue to plague Alberta's oilsands despite plans to pipe harmful greenhouse gases deep underground, according to documents obtained by Torstar News Service.

Part of the task of cleaning up the oilsands involves capturing carbon dioxide emissions and storing them in geological reservoirs in western Canada.

But, despite proposed national caps on air contaminants, chemicals linked to acid rain, respiratory problems and ozone depletion could escape into the atmosphere at an even faster rate, thanks to an estimated tripling of production from one million barrels a day in 2007 to 3.4 million

Pipeline delayed, activists happy

Environmental groups are hoping the delay of a major pipeline project that would tie Quebec and Ontario consumers to oil from Alberta will

allow awareness of the program's potential ecological impact to grow. Alberta oil is reportedly the most carbon-heavy oil in the world.

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The June 2008 study predicts emissions of sulfur dioxide, the main ingredient in acid rain, will rise by up to 34 per cent by 2017.

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Ottawa Jean's youth dialogue

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Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean speaks to 125 young people at Rideau Hall, where they watched Barack Obama be sworn in as president of the United States yesterday. Jean hosted the dialogue to mark the historical significance of the inauguration.

Grits will topple Tories if necessary

POLITICS Liberal leader Michael Ignatieff said yesterday he is trying to cool tempers ahead of next week's federal budget, but made it clear he is prepared to topple the minority Conservative government over the budget if necessary.

REUTERS

News in brief

LOTTERY The latest Lotto 6-49 winning ticket was sold in Ontario, but the \$7.5-million winner is from Washington State. Sean Mayer will pay the U.S. equivalent of \$2.1 million in taxes when he crosses the border.

GITMO U.S. authorities were acting on a tip from Omar Khadr when they sent Maher Arar to Syria, where he was tortured as a suspected terrorist, according to testimony at a Guantanamo Bay war crimes tribunal yesterday.

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'Magic cheese' scam goes sour in France

France is investigating what it says is a scam mounted by a French woman who sold Chileans kits to make "magic cheese" for use in French beauty products. **REUTERS**

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World

UN head visits Gaza

Voicing shock and anger at the "heartbreaking" devastation, U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon visited the Gaza Strip yesterday after Israeli attacks killed 1,300 and left thousands homeless.

Israel was set to withdraw its remaining troops before the inauguration of Barack Obama as U.S. president. His predecessor George W. Bush endorsed

the three-week offensive as a legitimate response to Hamas rocket fire.

Since a ceasefire took hold on Sunday, Hamas has demonstrated it remains in charge. It held "victory" rallies to coincide with Ban's visit.

"I have seen only a fraction of the destruction. This is shocking and alarming," Ban said, condemning the "excessive use" of

force by Israel as well as militants' rocket salvos. Ban demanded an inquiry and, if need be, the guilty to be held to account. He criticized Hamas, but said Israel used "excessive force."

Israel blames Hamas for fighting around civilians and sites run by the United Nations, which supports much of Gaza's population of 1.5 million. **REUTERS**

Deaths of lawyer, reporter provoke protest in Chechnya

SHOOTING Thousands of protesters in Chechnya yesterday demanded the Russian authorities bring to justice the killers of a human-rights lawyer and a reporter who were gunned down in central Moscow.

Stanislav Markelov, a lawyer who fought against the early release of a former Russian tank commander imprisoned for the murder of a Chechen girl, was shot dead less than a kilometre from the Kremlin after a news briefing on Monday.

A reporter for the Novaya Gazeta newspaper, who was walking down the road with Markelov, was shot in the head when she ran after the killer. Anastasia Baburova later died in hospital.

Markelov, 34, represented the family of 18-year-old Elza Kungayeva, whose murder in 2000 became a symbol of human-rights abuses in war-ravaged Chechnya. **REUTERS**

India Getting into the spirit



School children wearing masks of U.S. President Barack Obama pose during a rally yesterday in Lucknow. About 10,000 students took part in the anti-terrorism rally.

Obama too good looking for satire?

MEDIA U.S. President Barack Obama is too good looking to inspire biting commentary in political cartoons, a caricaturist said yesterday.

"It's never a gift for a caricaturist to draw a handsome man," said Pierre Kroll, whose work appears in the Belgian daily Le Soir.

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"If caricaturists could elect presidents, we would choose people with faces we enjoy drawing, not a playboy like him." **REUTERS**

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Like never before, Americans watched the inauguration of an incoming president online through live video streaming across their computers, and reacted by blogging, vlogging and tweeting. The Internet's top 40 sites slowed down by as much as 60 per cent when the ceremony started. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Packed house

More than one million people crammed onto the National Mall and along the inauguration parade route to catch a glimpse of the new U.S. first family. METRO NEWS SERVICES



'Humbled by the task before us'

Obama pays homage to ancestors in vision for a new U.S. future

Barack Obama's first sentence to the American people as U.S. president was, "I stand here today humbled by the task before us, grateful for the trust you have bestowed, mindful of the sacrifices borne by our ancestors."

Sometimes, a moment of history catches the world by surprise with its sheer enormity.

Standing on the terrace of the Canadian Embassy in Washington, D.C., yesterday, hundreds of Canadians, Americans and others stared toward the western front of the U.S. Capitol building in rapt silence, their faces merging with images of the vast crowds that surrounded them, multiplying across a giant TV screen.

And when Barack Obama took his solemn oath of office as America's 44th president, their cheers magnified as though the barriers of colour, creed, politics and nationality had dissolved together into one human voice of global significance.

Canada and the United States have had their differences, and America was seldom more embattled with friends as well as foes than during George W. Bush's administration.

But as Obama made his



U.S. President Barack Obama, centre, is applauded by members of the Joint Congressional Committee during inaugural ceremonies in the President's Room of the Capitol building yesterday after signing his first act as president, a proclamation, moments after being sworn in as the 44th president of the United States in Washington, D.C.

inaugural address, reaching out to "each nation and every man, woman and child who seeks a future of peace and dignity," his words held meaning

for people far beyond his own shores.

"This is the fulfilment of an old dream and the beginning of a new dream," said Wale Ade Sanya, an

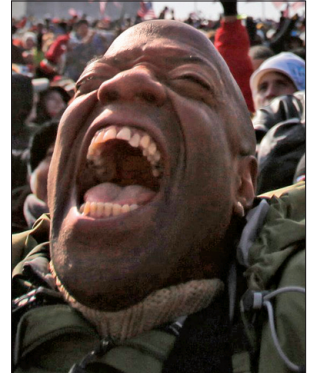
Ottawa investment broker whose family originated in Nigeria.

"It's a large dream, the dream of one world."

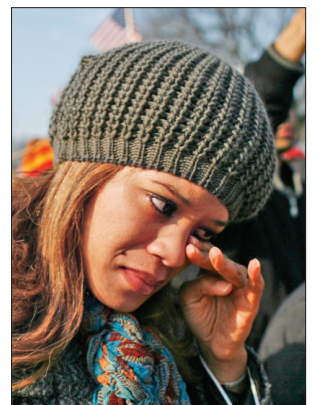
His sentiments were

echoed by many who stood moist-eyed as Obama took the oath as president of Canada's most important international partner.

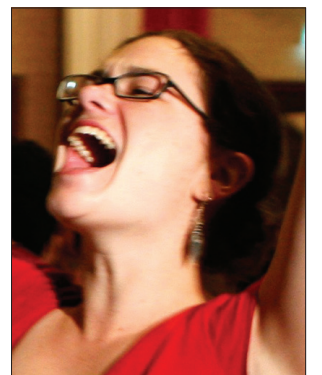
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Sam Cofield of Washington



Alesha Chaney of Illinois



An American reacts at the embassy in Jakarta, Indonesia

Words of wisdom from Obama's speech

• Forty-four Americans have now taken the presidential oath. The words have been spoken during rising tides of prosperity and the still waters of peace. Yet every so often, the oath is taken amidst gathering clouds and raging storms.



Scripture, the time has come to set aside childish things. The time has come to reaffirm our enduring spirit; to choose our better history; to carry forward that pre-



equal, all are free, and all deserve a chance to pursue their full measure of happiness.

• It has not been the path for the faint-hearted — for those



cious gift, that noble idea, passed on from generation to generation: The God-given promise that all are

who prefer leisure over work, or seek only the pleasures of riches and fame. Rather, it has been

the risk-takers, the doers, the makers of things — some celebrated but more often men and women obscure in their labour, who have carried us up the long, rugged path towards prosperity and freedom.



• In the face of our com-

mon dangers, in this winter of our hardship, let us remember these timeless words. With hope and virtue, let us brave once more the icy currents, and endure what storms may come. Let it be said by our children's children that when we were tested, we refused to let this journey end.

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Erin Subigarta of Chicago

• We remain a young nation, but in the words of

Dick Cheney in a wheelchair

Dick Cheney appeared in a wheelchair. Yet another serious health ailment? No. Boxes. He pulled a back muscle, a spokesperson said, moving his belongings into his new house.

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Obama is fashion first lady

Michelle brings her forward-thinking style to D.C.

Michelle Obama, hailed by many as America's new style icon, officially took her place on the world stage yesterday wearing an outfit in the nontraditional colour of yellow and set fashionistas atwitter.

The new U.S. first lady, 45, chose a sparkling sheath dress and matching coat in a yellow-gold hue by Cuban-born American designer Isabel Toledo for the presidential swearing-in ceremony. She matched it with a wide diamante necklace.

At the formal inaugural ball later she opted for a more classic gown with a little edge.

Her single shoulder strap complemented a simple white style.

Michelle Obama, a former lawyer, has been credited with bringing a chic, youthful style to U.S. politics and for mixing comfortable chain store garments from the likes of Gap and J. Crew with edgier new designers like Chicago's Mario Pinto and Narciso Rodriguez.

Initially seen as slightly aloof, she won hearts in June by wearing an affordable \$148 black and white off-the-rack dress for an appearance on the popular female TV chat show *The View*. It sold out nationwide overnight.

Her swearing-in outfit

was a departure from the red, white or blue tones often adopted by U.S. female politicians on high-profile occasions.

Yellow is traditionally seen in many parts of the world as a symbol of hope and optimism, style experts said. "Yellow is the colour of opti-

mism and confidence and hope ... The whole ensemble radiated hope and optimism," Mandi Norwood, a former editor at *Mademoiselle* magazine who is writing a book on Michelle Obama's style, told Reuters.

Bonnie Fuller, former editor in chief of *Glamour* magazine, called it "bold" but wondered, "Is she walking around in inaugural upholstery?"

Fuller wrote in a blog on the

www.huffingtonpost.com website that she had heard one observer quipping that the first lady was "wearing a couch."

New York-based designer Toledo said the coat and dress were made of Swiss wool

lace, backed with netting for warmth on the bitterly cold Washington morning, and lined in French silk.

"I called it lemongrass because it's not exactly a yellow, it's not a green, it's just in-between. It's full of sunshine. It really feels like freshness to me."

"I wanted to capture optimism, I wanted it to feel happy, I wanted it to feel inclusive," she said.

With home foreclosures and layoffs plaguing Americans across the United States, fashion commentators praised Obama by going for understated glamour at the 10 inauguration galas she attend, wearing nothing too glitzy or frivolous.

Dressing down too much could attract as much criticism as extravagance. Los Angeles Times fashion critic Booth Moore was happy with Michelle Obama's for her inaugural ball dress.

"At least for one night, we want our first lady to be more glamorous than the rest of us. We don't want her to be Second-hand Rose, but we don't want her to be Marie Antoinette either. The secret to Obama's sartorial success so far has been walking the line between the two. Here's hoping she continues to do so," Moore said.

REUTERS

Michelle Obama wore contrasting styles throughout the day, switching from conservative, right, to elegant, left.



President pledges improved Muslim relations

POLITICS President Barack Obama promised to improve U.S. ties with the Muslim world in his inauguration address yesterday, after tensions that followed the 9-11 attacks and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"To the Muslim world, we seek a new way forward, based on mutual interest and mutual respect," said Obama, who became the first black president of the United States.

Obama, a practising Christian, spent several years of his childhood in Indonesia, the most populous Muslim nation. His American mother, Ann Dunham, married Muslim



Barack Obama, beside wife Michelle, is sworn in as 44th U.S. president by Chief Justice John Roberts yesterday at the Capitol in Washington, D.C.

Indonesian Lolo Soetoro after the end of her marriage to Obama's Kenyan father.

"To those who cling to power through corruption and deceit and the silenc-

ing of dissent, know that you are on the wrong side of history; but that we will

extend a hand if you are willing to unclench your fist," Obama said.

Under former president George W. Bush, U.S. relations with Muslim nations have often been fractious, particularly after the 9-11 attacks.

Many Muslims were angered by the U.S.-led wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and the opening of a prison for foreign terrorism suspects at the U.S. military base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, widely seen as a symbol of human rights abuses of mostly Muslim prisoners carried out in the name of the "war on terrorism."

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Obama puts 'midnight' laws on hold

PENDING U.S. President Barack Obama's new administration ordered all federal agencies and departments yesterday to stop any pending regulations until they can be reviewed by incoming staff, halting last-minute Bush orders in their tracks.

"This afternoon, White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel signed a memorandum sent to all agencies and departments to stop all pending regulations until a legal and policy review can be conducted by the Obama administration," the White House said in a statement issued just hours after Obama took office.

The review is a tool commonly used by a new administration to delay so-called "midnight regulations" put in place by a former president between the election and inauguration day.

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Obama will meet on economy today

ADVISERS U.S. President Barack Obama will convene his senior economic advisers today to discuss his economic stimulus plan, the White House said yesterday shortly after his inauguration.

"He'll meet with his economic advisers. I think it's in the afternoon," White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said, but added it was not yet clear exactly who would attend.

The U.S. is facing its most daunting economic crisis since the Great Depression. Obama inherits a depleted housing market, a banking system in peril and uncertain consumer confidence.

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The Day in brief

KENNEDY U.S. Senator Edward Kennedy, who is battling brain cancer, was recovering at a Washington hospital yesterday after suffering a seizure at an inaugural lunch for President Barack Obama. According to witnesses, Kennedy collapsed during the meal but was smiling as he was carried out on a stretcher.

JAPAN Temple bells tolled, fireworks were set off and residents danced the hula in the cold Japanese city of Obama yesterday to celebrate the inauguration of Barack Obama, who became the first black U.S. president.

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Aretha heralds new hope

The WestView

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My fellow Canadians:
Did you have your noses pressed against the glass of history yesterday?

I know I did. In my case, the glass was the 56-inch Sony at our house, a.k.a. the Big Unit, and let me tell you, it was the catbird seat.

Canadians have an odd, passive relationship with the United States: We watch it on TV.

Even more so these days, because it's getting tough to go there. You have to wait a couple of hours in a lineup at the border, and when you get there, there's a 26-cent premium on everything, so you can't even get a decent bargain any more.

But I digress.

For about 60 years, endlessly fascinated, we have watched America become the world's most powerful

nation ... on television. We loved Lucy, grokked Spock, mourned Kennedy, got lifted up by Martin Luther King Jr., observed Shock and Awe in shock and awe. We worshipped the American Idol and tried to copy it, although the Canadian version invariably can't sing.

Aretha Franklin can sing. Boy, can she ever. Even now, when she's old and stout. And that's when I lost it yesterday, just before Barack Obama was sworn in, Aretha got up and with a choir of angels, belted out "My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty," on the steps of the Capitol building.

Somehow, even though it is sung to the tune of God Save the Queen, My Country 'Tis of Thee is an entirely American song. Maybe it's

the refrain that Aretha sang and sang and sang over again, circling around the pitch like a Motown voodoo goddess: "Let freedom ring!"

And that's when, I'm not ashamed to say, I lost it. Tears streamed down my face, and I succumbed to the joyful season finale/debut of

the longest running series on TV — from Birmingham, through Dallas, via Chicago, through Kent State, down Route 66 to Watts, to the jungles of Vietnam, under

"In one three-minute funky fanfare, (Aretha Franklin) sang away the bitter shadows of the last decade."



United States Presidential Inauguration

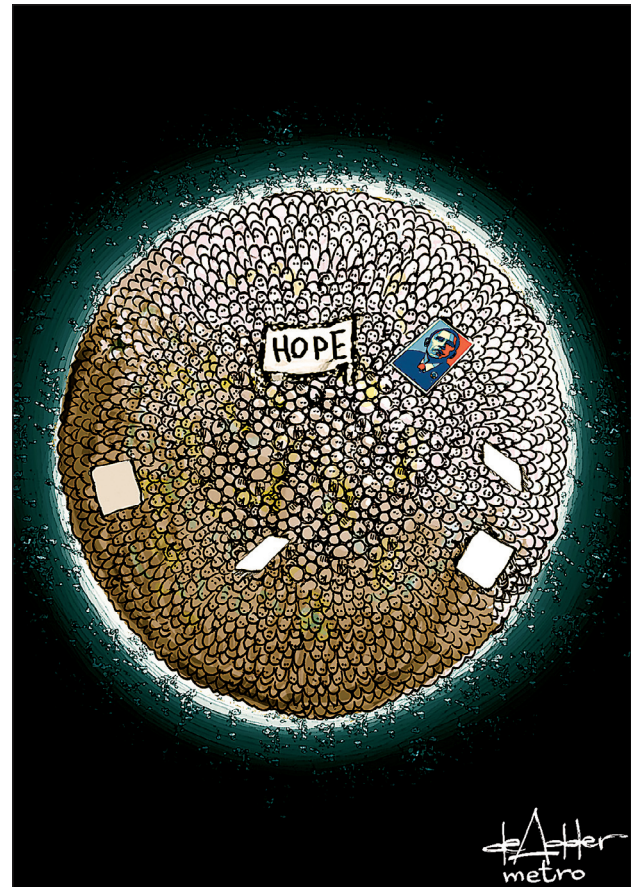
the hanging chads of Florida, onto the streets of Baghdad, through Wall Street, to the Lincoln Memorial, to the inauguration of Barack Obama.

But they had me at Aretha and Let Freedom Ring. In one three-minute funky fanfare, she sang away the bitter shadows of the last decade, the harrowing, vicious, sardonic cynicism of the Bushes, the Cheneys and the Roves, and heralded the possibility of what we too easily refer to as "hope" and "change."

Barack Obama stands for something more rich and sonorous than mere hope and change, but I can't really describe it; I can only watch and listen from the other side of the glass and hope they never take this marvelous reality TV show off the air.

It's my favourite.

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MICHAEL DE ADOER

Letters

Seeing more red

Re: Seeing red over "rule of thumb"

Nothing irritates me more than a volunteer member of the politically correct police jumping in to tell me what I can and cannot say.

People believe they have the right not to be offended, but this is simply not true. It is possible for a person to take offence to just about anything — context is far more important than the arrangement of some letters.

More importantly though, do not mangle the origin of language to pursue arbitrary restrictions on free speech. Jude's interpretation of the origin is incorrect and has long been discredited. If we banned everything that had even a tenuous association with something some people might find offensive at some point in history, we would be living in a pretty draconian society. As a rule of thumb, I suggest people like Jude Billard grow some thicker skin.

KYLE HURLBURT, HALIFAX

Smoker seeks to correct inconvenient truth

We smokers chose to live outside the rules of fear the illu-

sionists sell. Smokers total numbers haven't declined, only our prevalence in society has changed. The total population numbers have risen, but our numbers have stayed constant. Surprised? Don't be. This is just another reality check challenging ongoing CW. A real inconvenient truth.

Society is taught to rage against those who smoke, embracing traditional hatreds against non-conformists. But we make our own fun. We date the best people. We don't live in fear. We live full and productive lives every morning. The risk-takers awake to seek out new challenges. Many among us have been robbed of dignity and honour being conditioned by deliberate government social engineering. We are told we are less than what we are. Spoken about as a disease, which needs to be cured. The power of mass media often leads society to fight many straw men. Today, we need to rage against the real enemy. Those leaders of coercive greed and their manipulative campaigns that imprison us in the politics of fear.

ROB MOFFATT, HALIFAX

Reaction: Obama-mania sweeps across Canada

"He gives us an example of strength as a leader, and it's not about what you look like anymore or the colour of your skin. It's about who you are and what you stand for."

—Lincoln Thorne, Vancouver



"I watched his public address. I'm very excited. I think it's going to be amazing for the U.S. and on a global spectrum. I think it's a great change."

—Cathlin Antonello, Ottawa



"The biggest change will be everyone's mindset. He'll encourage everybody, no matter what race they are from, that they can live up to their dreams."

—Frances Sonde, Calgary



"Rosa Parks sat down so King could walk. King walked so Barack could run. Barack ran so that all of us can fly."

—Rev. Elias Mwamba Mutuale, Nova Scotia



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Sherman moves to Bay's top spot

Venerable retailer Hudson's Bay Trading Co. named Jeffrey Sherman as president and chief executive, moving the veteran from his spot as chief executive of HBC to the parent company's top spot, where he will manage Canadian and U.S. operations. **REUTERS**

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Business

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Dollar falls as rate cut disappoints

The Canadian dollar fell versus the U.S. currency yesterday as the greenback rallied, but recovered some losses after the Bank of Canada cut its key overnight lending rate to a 50-year low.

The Bank of Canada cut its key interest rate by 50 basis points to one per cent and predicted a period of falling prices this year as a recession takes hold. It signalled that further cuts may be on the horizon, but said it would judge carefully "to what extent further monetary stimulus will be required."

The Canadian dollar rose slightly to 79.31 US cents from 78.90 US cents immediately after the bank's announcement, but was still down from its close of 79.70 US cents on Monday.

The currency may have firmed after the rate decision because a few market players were betting on a larger, more aggressive cut by the central bank to bolster the Canadian dollar, said Michael Gregory, senior economist BMO Capital Markets. **REUTERS**

Suncor posts rare \$215M loss in Q1

OIL Suncor Energy Inc. reported its first quarterly net loss of \$215 million in 16 years yesterday, down from a year-earlier profit of \$1.04 billion, as it slashed capital spending and halted construction on a massive expansion of its Canadian oilsands operations to cope with plunging commodity prices.

Suncor is also mothballing its \$20.6-billion, northern Alberta oilsands expansion, already delayed in October, until better times return. **REUTERS**

In brief

MANUFACTURING The value of Canadian manufacturing shipments plunged by a record 6.4 per cent in November from October, dragged down by weaker commodities such as petroleum, coal and primary metals.

INCENTIVE Bell Canada said it will offer a retirement incentive to about 1,500 unionized staff eligible to retire as it moves to cut costs. **REUTERS**

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Peter Forsberg is back skating, test his ailing right foot in what could be his last attempt at a comeback. "If it doesn't work now, I'm forced to give it up for good," Forsberg, 35, told a Swedish newspaper yesterday. Forsberg made a late-season return to the Colorado Avalanche last season. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports

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Gold for Jasey-Jay

Canadian Jasey-Jay Anderson, left, won gold at the world snowboard championships yesterday, securing his spot on the 2010 Canadian Olympic team. The Mont-Tremblant, Que., native finished first in the parallel giant slalom and was joined on the podium by fellow Canadian Matthew Morison, who won bronze.

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Mouzar aims for strong week

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Jill Mouzar is no longer calling the shots, but she's more than happy to defer to Heather Smith-Dacey.

The Halifax resident joined forces with the experienced Smith-Dacey in the off-season, and the Mayflower rink will vie for a provincial women's curling championship starting this afternoon at the Bridgewater Curling Club.

Mouzar, who was a Scot-ties-winning skip in 2007, still throws last rocks but is no longer calling the game.

"She's had such a positive impact," Mouzar said of Smith-Dacey. "She's a really hard worker, and she inspires me to work harder. With the setup we have,

we have to trust each other.

"I have to trust what she's calling, so (I know) I'm going to have the shot that I want in the end. It's all been good."

Mouzar and lead Teri Lake are the only remaining members from the rink that won in 2007. Blisse Comstock, who won a national junior title with Mouzar in 2004, is the rink's second.

The 25-year-old Mouzar has benefited from Smith-Dacey's wealth of experience. Smith-Dacey has been on a pair of provincial women's winners, is a four-time provincial mixed champ, and won a national mixed crown in 2002.

She came on board after academic commitments forced Kristen MacDiarmid to drop down to the team's



Jill Mouzar's rink looks for a provincial title starting today.

fifth.

Since it's a first-year team, Mouzar has an eye to the future, but is also eager to see what she can do this week.

"We're really excited about coming out our strongest, playing our best and having a really good week together," Mouzar said. "Hopefully that will allow us to come out on

top."

Mouzar, seeded fifth, faces No. 2 Margaret Cutcliffe of Mayflower at 1 p.m. The championship is Sunday at 3 p.m.

Other Mayflower rinks are Mary-Anne Arsenault (seeded first), Mary Matattall (third) and Sarah Rhyno (eighth). Dartmouth's Nancy McConnelly (fourth) is also in the mix.

Worlds 'on target' for Lake Banook

PADDLING The world sprint canoe-kayak championships are moving ahead according to plan, an official with the International Canoe Federation said yesterday. Simon Toulson, secretary general for the ICF, is in Dartmouth for a three-day visit to Lake Banook, the site of the world championships from Aug. 12 to 16. "To be honest, things are looking really good," Toulson said. "The plans by the city and the organizing committee look very impressive. If it all comes into place, we just need good weather and good competition, come August." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Out Saturday, uncertain Sunday

PBL Brian Silverhorn will miss the Halifax Rainmen's road game against the Buffalo Stampede on Saturday. But Rainmen owner Andre Levingston said Silverhorn will be a game-time decision on Sunday, when Buffalo travels to Halifax for a 4 p.m. tilt at the Metro Centre. "Coach will put him through a rigorous practice," Levingston said. "If he feels good, he will play Sunday." The Rainmen lost all three games since Silverhorn was hurt.

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Obama inauguration Sports and politics



Magic Johnson, from left, San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom, California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and former NBA star/current Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson stand on Barack Obama's inaugural stage prior to yesterday's ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Bernard a 'maybe' tonight

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QMJHL Halifax Mooseheads winger Jessyko Bernard is a "maybe" for tonight's road game against the Moncton Wildcats.

The 17-year-old rookie has missed the past four games with a groin injury and will be a game-time decision. His 10 goals and 10 assists in 39 games would be a welcome addition to a team in desper-

ate need of secondary scoring. Top-scoring defenceman Justin Pender is expected to miss at least three more games with a knee injury. Rookie goaltender Mathieu Corbeil, meanwhile, has mostly recovered from a hand injury and should be ready for a start soon. He hasn't gotten the nod since Jan. 4.

The Mooseheads, 13-28-2, lost 6-4 to the Wildcats on Sunday, and have a 1-6 record in the season series.

Sports in brief

SNOWBOARDING Half-pipe rider Alexandra Duckworth of Kingsburg won gold at an event on the Canadian Open snowboard tour in Calgary on the weekend.

AUS BASKETBALL Mark McLaughlin was named Atlantic University Sport male athlete of the week yesterday. The fourth-year guard averaged 20.3 points and 7.3 rebounds in a trio of wins that helped the Huskies collect 10 points. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

'I'm sure he's doing cartwheels today'

Somewhere, Jackie Robinson was cartwheeling yesterday. That was the word from Don Newcombe, Robinson's old friend and teammate. It was Robinson, of course, who busted Major League Baseball's colour barrier in 1947, when he became its first African-American player.

Newcombe, who joined Robinson with the Dodgers two years later and emerged as a superstar pitcher, remains an official spokesman for the club in Los Angeles. And he told me tears streamed down his face as Barack Obama was inaugurated as U.S. president yesterday.

"It's impossible to articulate what Jackie and I went through," Newcombe, 82, said via telephone. "We couldn't eat in the same restaurants or pee in the same washrooms as white players. Jackie went through a living hell because he was the first. He was viewed as evil.

"And so to be alive now and to see Obama becoming president is truly incredible. I wish Jackie were alive. I wish he could see this. He'd have been so happy, so relieved. I'm sure he's doing cartwheels today."

Robinson died in 1972 of a heart attack. He was only 53.

Dozens of NBA luminaries skipped practices yesterday — and will consequently be slapped with club fines — to attend the inauguration festivities.

Many were serious financial contributors to Obama, including LeBron James, Chauncey Billups, Baron Davis, Dwight Howard, Emeka Okafor, Luke Walton and Chris Duhon.

Duhon, as reported here in October, even played pickup hoops against Obama.

Asked what was Obama's best basketball move, Duhon deadpanned: "I don't think he has one."

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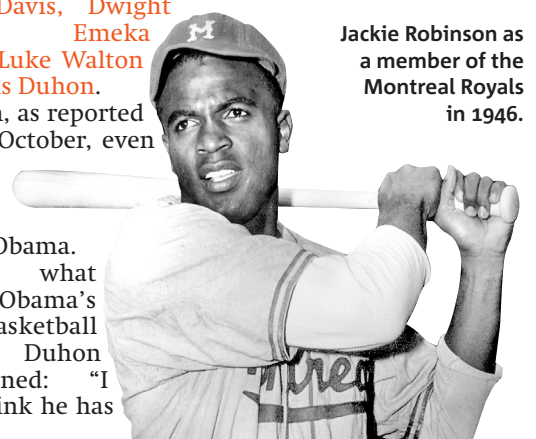
• The Detroit Tigers, you should know, are close to signing a new closer — ex-Blue Jay **Brandon Lyon** ... **Don Zimmer**, who serves as a so-called adviser to the Tampa Bay Rays these days, is set to attend his 61st consecutive training camp next month, despite suffering a stroke that prevented him from speaking about a week ago ... Add the names of **Vladimir Guerrero** (recovering from knee surgery) and **Albert Pujols** (recovering from elbow surgery) to the growing list of superstars who won't likely participate in March's World Baseball Classic.

• Quarterback **Kurt Warner**, a former Arena Football League player who was deemed unworthy of NFL employment for years, essentially sealed his induction into the league's Hall of Fame Sunday, when he led the Arizona Cardinals to a victory over the Philadelphia Eagles in the NFC final and to a berth into the Feb. 1 Super Bowl against the Pittsburgh Steelers.

It will be Warner's third trip to the Bowl. His teams are 8-2 in post-season play. **Peyton Manning's** Indianapolis Colts, in comparison, are 7-8 in the playoffs.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

Jackie Robinson as a member of the Montreal Royals in 1946.



Metro Drive

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Ford wins CAA awards

Ford has won two CAA Pyramid Awards for its new blind spot mirror and 100 per cent recycled seats, Canadian Driver reports. The innovative mirror, which won the CAA Pyramid Award for safety innovation of the year, uses a secondary convex spotter mirror that provides an optimized view of the driver's blind spot.

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Making waves in Montreal

Awards and debuts at auto show

Several cars made their Canadian debuts and a few received prestigious awards at the Montreal International Auto Show, which kicked off last week. Here are some of the highlights.

ECO AWARDS FOR TOYOTA

Toyota Yaris and Toyota Prius won the title of best-in-class for fuel efficiency in the 2009 ecoENERGY for Vehicle Awards at the Montreal International Auto Show.

Last week, Toyota also unveiled the all-new 2010 Prius, which features a fuel-efficiency rating of 4.0 L/100 km city and 4.2 L/100 km highway.

On sale this spring, the 2010 Prius will offer Canadians even more innovation, versatility, choice, safety, and value while setting the stage for the future of transportation.

"When they shop for a new vehicle, consumers rely on information like the ecoENERGY fuel efficiency

ratings to make smart choices. That's why winning these awards is such an honour for Toyota," said Stephen Beatty, managing director at Toyota Canada Inc.

concept in Montreal. Scion, which hopes to woo urban youth, pushes the limits of a coupe concept with Fuse by combining entertainment,



Correctly identify the 3 Rainmen players whose numbers appear somewhere in Metro today, tomorrow and Friday and enter them online at metronews.ca

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Inspiration came from



The Scion Fuse sports concept.

the "HAKO" super GT racing cars of Japan, commonly known as the JGTC series. From the side, the Fuse has a low, aggressive stance with a race helmet-inspired wraparound window that provides a panoramic view.

The FUSE is also equipped with extreme levels of personalization accessories. Headlights and fog lamps can be programmed to illuminate in various colors. Videos or images can be downloaded and viewed on a concealed LCD screen behind the front badge.

SMART BRABUS DEBUTS

The new 2009 Smart fortwo BRABUS made its Canadian debut at the Palais des Congrès. The BRABUS will be in Canadian showrooms by February.

Building on the existing

Smart fortwo platform, the BRABUS has been tailored for enhanced appearance and handling. A sportier exhaust tuning along with a sports chassis and suspension components have been designed to offer a smooth ride and added comfort.

Inside, the car is equipped with sports pedals made of brushed aluminium, stylish velour floor mats embroidered with the BRABUS logo, standard heated leather seats, power steering and additional dashboard instruments which are all options on the regular Smart fortwo.

NISSAN'S DOUBLE BILL

Nissan Canada revealed two vehicles in Montreal. The 2009 Nissan Cube, brand new to the North American market and the completely

re-designed 2009 Nissan 370Z, will be available to Canadians this spring.

For 2009, the Cube brings a unique blend of fashion and function, building on the non-traditional design with an improved confident look that has been compared to a "bulldog in sunglasses."

The 2009 Nissan 370Z, the sixth generation model of the Z sports car, is lighter, more powerful than ever before and offers enhanced handling, quality and style.

COUPE DE G

Infiniti added the 2009 G37 convertible to its family of Canadian cars in Montreal.

Arriving at dealers this spring, the G coupe retains its long cabin and graceful trunk proportions through use of a fully-automatic three-piece hardtop design.

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Riding shotgun rules for the iPod generation

Say you're driving and the person riding shotgun has been on his cellphone for 50 minutes or so. Talking about his neighbour's pug dog or about his lazy co-worker or about what he saw last night on George Stroumboulopoulos. Something in that vein. Do you have the right then — according to accepted shotgun guidelines — to take his cellphone away from his mouth and ear, and move it closer to one of his

other orifices? I don't know either. I'm just asking.

Because the basic rules for calling and riding shotgun have been around a long time, but technology has undergone tremendous change of late, and this is impacting the driver and front-seat passenger relationship, and possibly not always in a good way.

Of course, some Western pulp fiction writer, coined the term "riding shotgun" back in the 1920s, referring

AutoPilot

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Veteran auto journalist

to the armed guard that sat next to the driver of a stagecoach. It became entrenched in popular culture and began to gravitate to the automotive vernacular in the

mid-1950s, when it was heard almost every week on the TV series, Gunsmoke.

Everyone must be familiar with the basic rules, such as: The first person to yell "shotgun" gets to ride in the front seat; shotgun may only be called if all occupants of the vehicle are outside and on the way to said vehicle; early calls are strictly prohibited; the driver has final say on all ties and disputes, and has the right to suspend or remove

all shotgun privileges.

I love shotgun philosophy because it entails so much of what it is to be human — luck, timing, skill, friendship, accommodation, survival of the fittest, acceptance, responsibility, and the pursuit of a code that everyone can agree on, but one that also needs constant revision and vigilance.

To that end I think people should take more pride in their shotgun roles. If you're yakking on the cell or groov-

ing to you personal iPod or scrolling your Blackberry for big whacks of time then I believe you're really letting the side down. Just because you actually don't have to wield a shotgun while riding shotgun doesn't mean you should lower your guard, or your standards of companionship.

Michael Goetz has been writing about cars and editing automotive publications for more than 20 years. He lives in Toronto with his family and a neglected 1967 Jaguar E-type.



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Mini with muscle

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for Metro Canada



When it comes to performance driving, weight is enemy number one. Similarly, if you're trying to squeeze every rolling metre out of a litre of fuel,

too much junk-in-the-trunk is not the way to go.

Following this line of reasoning, a lightweight car with a highly tuned small displacement engine is a formula for fun and efficient motoring.

Checking all these boxes is the 2009 John Cooper Works

Mini — a Mini Cooper S coupe with a serious injection of oats. The 1.6L DOHC direct-injection turbocharged four is tuned to crank out 208 horsepower and 192 lb.-ft. of torque from 1850-5600 r.p.m., up 36 and 15 respectively from the Cooper S. Put your foot in it, and there is an

overboost function that momentarily kicks the torque up to 207 lb.-ft.

This car is very quick. Deceptively so in fact, so it's a good thing the central speedo is the size of a manhole cover. Street-racing velocities sneak up on you in the blink of an eye.

The 2009 Mini John Cooper Works



2009 Mini JCW

Type: Compact coupe
Price: From \$38,390
Engine: 1.6L direct injection turbocharged four
HP: 208
Torque: 192 lb.-ft.

Highlights

- Extensive comfort package
- Enhanced power

How many times has the Mini's handling been compared to a go-kart? Enough for me to visit a couple of kart-racer buddies who were doing some testing at Goodwood Kartways. They thought the car was a hoot, and confirmed its dynamics were somewhat akin to their high-powered karts.

Thanks to some bespoke suspension tuning and sticky 205/45R17 Continental ContiSportContact footwear, the Mini's all ready quick reflexes are notched up to chihuahua-on-amphetamine levels here. Turn in is crazy quick and the upgraded Works brakes require a light touch. With the Sport button on the console engaged, steering and throttle responses sharpen. It takes a little while to recalibrate your inputs to drive this car smoothly.

One thing you can't smooth out is the ride — on rough roads you'll think you're sitting in a paint shaker. However, when lasering through bends and feeling the neutrality in the chassis all is forgiven.

On the flip side, this car settles into a comfortable cruiser at 120 km/h with the little turbo four humming away at 2800 r.p.m. My tester had a lovely tan leather interior and the \$1900 JCW Comfort Package that includes a large double sunroof, heated front seats, automatic climate control, rain sensing wipers and auto headlights. The \$750 audio upgrade

sounded very good too. Fit and finish are exemplary. It's your call whether the interior design is super-cool chic or Fisher-Price gone horribly wrong.

Externally, the JC Works Mini gets a more aggressive front fascia with unique grill inserts, 16-spoke lightweight alloys, a large rear spoiler, and a pair of honkin' chromed exhaust tips that broadcast a pretty sexy bark.

Yes, the 2009 JC Works Mini might be as cute as a puppy, but beware, it pulls like one too. Hammer the throttle in second gear and you're fighting to keep on the straight and narrow. Do the same at 100 km in third gear and it will still try to yank you into the corn.

All this fun comes with a price, however. The 2009 JC Works Mini lists for \$38,390, with this specimen coming in at an eye-watering \$42,020.

Comfort can be taken in the fact that the mutual thrashing between myself and JCW burned only 9.1 L/100 km of premium fuel.

Designer bags in top gear

FASHION Detroit's Big Three may be in trouble but one designer has done well out of defunct vehicles — Kim White makes handbags from vintage automotive fabrics.

White found a warehouse in Los Angeles that was selling off textiles that were destined for the seats of 1970s and '80s cars, trucks and caravans by GM, VW, AMC, Buick and Ford. She bought all 10,000 yards of the colourful car fabric with bright checks, stripes, diamonds, chevrons and transformed them into totes, clutches and travel bags. Each of these unique, limited-edition bags is labelled with the year and model of car



Kim White

that the fabric was designed for. These bags are perfect for everyday use. You look cool, and improve your eco credentials as it's made from recycled fabric.

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Navigating Obama's Chicago

The U.S. president's hometown haunts are worth checking out

EMMA E. FORREST
Metro World News

Barack Obama sightings won't be quite so frequent in the U.S. president's hometown of Chicago now that he and his family have moved into the White House. But that doesn't mean you can't check out the Windy City in purely presidential style.

Where to stay**Budget**

Hyde Park Arms Hotel: If you want to crash in Obama's South Side 'hood — the lovely Kenmore-Hyde Park — the Hyde Park Arms is the way to do it on the cheap. It's a clean, safe hotel, providing just the basics. Rooms are leased weekly, bi-weekly or monthly. From \$145 US/week; 5316 S. Harper Ave., 773-493-3500.

Mid-range

Hilton Chicago: The landmark downtown hotel is where Obama held his first press conference as the president-elect. The comfortable, classic hotel overlooks Grant Park, where he gave his election night victory speech. From \$98/night; 720 S. Michigan Ave., 312-922-4400, hilton.com.

Deluxe

The Whitehall Hotel: The historic, surprisingly-large boutique hotel downtown is gorgeously appointed, re-

stored meticulously to its original 1920s grandeur. It's also a favourite of Obama-supporting celebrities. From \$147/night; 105 E. Delaware Pl., 866-753-4081, thewhitehallhotel.com.

What to see:

Kenwood-Hyde Park neighbourhood: Dominated by the beautiful campus of the University of Chicago (where Obama taught constitutional law), the president's neighbourhood, Kenwood-Hyde Park, offers a fascinating collection of large homes from the late 19th century; the family resides in a large, red-brick home on Greenwood Avenue.

Learn about that Frank Lloyd Wright-designed building you're gawking at by taking a walking tour of the area, guided by members of the Chicago Architecture Foundation (\$10, architecture.org). Afterwards, check out the Hyde Park Art Center, the oldest alternative exhibition space in the city; 5020 S. Cornell Ave., 773-324-5520, hydeparkart.org.

Lake Michigan shoreline:

The Obamas are an active family, and one of their favourite Chicago pastimes is to take in the skyline views and water breezes from one of the city's more than 552 parks, including the South Side's Promonto-



A view of the Chicago skyline. Visitors to the city can see where the Obama family lived, shopped, ate and socialized.

ry Point in Burnham Park (5491 South Shore Dr., chicagoparkdistrict.com).

Downtown's Grant Park, often referred to as the city's "front yard," (Randolph Street and Michigan Avenue, chicagoparkdistrict.com) is

where Obama's jubilant election night party took place; it includes Millennium Park, featuring numerous public art areas, and the always perfect photo op of Buckingham Fountain.

Sears Tower: Take in the whole of Obama's hometown from atop the 1,450-foot Sears Tower, the tallest building in North America. On a clear day,

visitors on the viewing deck can see for 40 to 50 miles over neighbouring states Michigan, Indiana and Wisconsin, or just marvel at Chicago's stunning architecture; 233 S. Wacker Dr., \$12.95, 312-875-9696, theskydeck.com.

Where to shop

57th Street Books: This is where the president liked to get literary. Now, of course, you can pick up an Obama-penned tome at this cosy, independent South Side bookseller; 1301 E. 57th St., 773-684-1300, semcoop.booksense.com.

J. Crew and The Magnificent Mile: Classic American casual wear is J. Crew's forte — and a Michelle Obama favourite. The first

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Where to eat:**Budget**

MacArthur's: In his book *The Audacity of Hope*, Obama reminisces about the turkey legs and dressing at MacArthur's, a soul food (they prefer to call it "fine Southern cuisine") icon in the city; 5412 W. Madison St., 773-261-2316, macarthursrestaurant.com

Expensive:

Topolobampo: Celebrity chef Rick Bayless serves up Sopa Azteca and other Mexican specialties to the first family at this 70-seat, downtown foodie hotspot; 445 N. Clark St., 312-661-1434, rickbayless.com, reservations recommended two weeks in advance.

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South Korea's coolest cultural draw

The country's B-Boys are so good they've morphed into a Broadway-style attraction

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In the land of Samsung and kimchee, there's a cultural phenomenon that's moved out of the underground and into the sights of national tourism marketers.

South Korea is king of B-Boy dance culture, routinely sweeping up international awards for a pursuit that most would more closely associate with the streets of New York City. (It was there, during the 1970s, that a variety of dance styles fused together and became a key part of the burgeoning hip-hop scene — today's B-Boys can trace their roots to that era.)

In the 1980s and 1990s, the movement came to South Korea, where it's been practised and honed. South Korean B-Boys appropriated American

moves but improvised their own touches, and now the country boasts about 100 crews who compete in international championships and regularly beat out competitors from the U.S.

The Drifterz Crew, three-time winners of the U.K. B-Boy Championships, say that extreme dedication is the reason Koreans make such great B-Boys. "Koreans practice like it's a science. They break it down and study the parts," explains one crew member.

They're known for their precision and for practising four to six hours a day.

B-Boys — and B-Girls, the young women who — are becoming so popular that even the Korea Tourism Organization (KTO) is getting behind them, promoting the movement as a "cultural and unique" attraction for foreign tourists.

According to local news sources, the KTO have set

up a "performance tourism marketing strategy" in which tourists can come to see Broadway-style shows starring internationally-acclaimed B-Boys.

Jump, B-Boyz & Ballerina and Marionette are all non-verbal, multi-media shows that target tourists by transcend-

Korean B-Boys

- For more information on performances of B-Boyz & Ballerina, visit bisabal.co.kr.
- To see the country's B-Boys at their finest, attend the R16 World B-Boy Championships & Urban Arts Festival, r16kor.ea.com.

position.

Miss Lee is also performer in the stage show B-Boyz & Ballerina, best described as Stomp-meets-West-Side-Story with a hip-hop twist: Boy meets girl, they fall in love, conflict ensues. He's from the wrong side of the tracks, and the matter can be settled only one way — with a dance-off. The girls don Sandra Dee-style skintight black

pants and true love prevails over social class. The pounding music, provocative costumes and skilled choreography make for an impressive stage show. Tourists leave the theatre bursting with energy, excitement and an earnest desire to take B-Boy dance lessons themselves.

Julia Dimon is co-host of Word Travels, airing Sundays at 8 p.m. EST on OLN; juliadimon.com.

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ing language barriers through dance, music and high production values.

Miss Lee, a Utah-raised 24-year-old who recently returned to South Korea to live, work and study, taught herself how to battle by watching American break-dancing videos. Her signature move is a one-handed hand hop, in which she bounces upside down in a hand-stand-like



Left, Korea's Drifterz Crew are three-time winners of the U.K. B-Boy world championships. Right, B-Boyz & Ballerina is a performance showcasing B-Boy culture.



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Simmons returns for next Spider-Man

J.K. Simmons, who starred as J. Jonah Jameson, Peter Parker's fiery-tempered editor at the Daily Bugle, has confirmed he will rejoin Tobey Maguire and Kirsten Dunst for the next installment in the Spider-Man franchise. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**

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Entertainment



Rainy days

Rihanna has topped the U.K. singles chart rundown for 2008, selling almost 1.3 million copies of her song Umbrella, **femalefirst.co.uk** reports.

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Makeover hits and misses

Hollywood has had mixed results remaking foreign films

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

If there's any truth to the old adage "if it ain't broke, don't fix it," Hollywood sure as heck doesn't heed it. American movie studios are infamous for purchasing pictures that are hailed as masterpieces in their respective homelands and, instead of simply releasing them as is, remake them for western sensibilities.

The latest foreign hit to get the marketable makeover is the blood-freezing 2003 Korean ghost story *A Tale of Two Sisters*, which is being westernized by directors Thomas and Charles Guard as *The Uninvited* — it opens in theatres on Friday. While the merits of this version remain undetermined, the film is in line with Hollywood's near decade long mining of popular Asian thrillers for profit. Sometimes, as in Gore Verbinski's *The Ring* — a remake of the Japanese hit *Ringu* — the results are rather good.

More often than not, however, they're dismal white-washed shadows of

Hollywood is still far too financially frightened to take theatrical chances on foreign product without bankable stars.

their former selves; witness the American riffs on *One Missed Call* or *Shutter* if you dare.

Not every remake stems from foreign origin, however. In fact the worst contender is unquestionably Gus Van Sant's completely perfunctory, scene-for-scene 1998 stab at Hitchcock's untouchable American thriller *Psycho*.

Leeching off Joseph Stefano's original screenplay and Hitch's masterful storyboards, Van Sant's redux was a preposterous art house stunt that alienated casual viewers and raised the bile of purists.

The most compelling remakes are ones driven by filmmakers with defined esthetics. David Cronenberg's operatic rethinking of the beloved '50s B-movie chiller *The Fly* works because the director chose to simply take the framework of the



Alex (Arielle Kebbel, left) and Anna (Emily Browning, right) are united in their suspicions about their father's new fiancée in the haunting suspense thriller *The Uninvited*.

original and graft his own, very personal sensibilities on to it.

Similarly, Alejandro Amenabar's Spanish psychological drama *Open Your Eyes* was recast with Tom Cruise in the lead and remade by Cameron Crowe in 1999 as *Vanilla Sky* to great effect. Crowe's version obeys the mind bending narrative of the original but is saturated with the pop music and cocky dialogue Crowe so adores.

Time will reveal if *The Uninvited* can stand on its own as a relevant remake but the fact remains that Hollywood is still far too financially frightened to take theatrical chances on foreign product without bankable stars.

And if you don't believe me, just wait until JJ Abrams unleashes his upcoming remake of the recent Swedish vampire masterpiece *Let The Right One In* later this year. Again ... if it ain't broke, for heavens sake, you better have a really good reason to fix it.

Politics, Oscars don't mix: Poll

MOVIES Celebrities who win an Oscar next month should steer clear of politics during their acceptance speeches, or risk alienating viewers.

That's the word from 7,000 moviegoers participating in a poll from online ticketer Fandango, which asked participants to name what they like most and least about Academy Awards telecasts.

Fandango noted the dwindling ratings of the telecast in recent years and that new producers have been hired for this year's extravaganza.

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Staging a Skin Flick

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Halifax

If you need a bit of hot porn on a cold night, head down to Neptune to check out Skin Flick.

In the world debut of Norm Foster's play, an older couple lose their money on the stock market. Out of cash and running out of ideas, they decide to produce a blue movie to get back in the black. Investing in the, er, growth industry of homemade pornography, the couple hire friends, neighbours and strangers and turn their home into an adult movie set.

Gordon Gammie plays cameraman Alex Boyle. Boyle had worked for a local news network, but was fired after "accidentally" groping a reporter. He jumps at the chance of such enjoyable work, explained Gammie.

"He is the definition of pornography," the East Coast actor said.

Asked if he was concerned Haligonians may not see Skin Flick as a comedy, but as a serious idea



Ginette Mohr and Jamie Williams limber up for Skin Flick.

worth pursuing themselves, Gammie laughed.

"I'm sure with technology the way it is ... you can get yourself recognized," he joked. "(Skin Flick) is about love and tenderness and self-esteem, and knowing that if there is something you want to do, you can do it."

Foster wrote the play 18 months ago, before everyone's money disappeared. He swore he wasn't pleased when reality started mirroring his play. "I took a bit of

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- Skin Flick plays at Neptune until Feb. 15. Check out Neptunetheatre.com for details, or call 429-7070.

a hit myself," the tall, lean writer said.

He admitted he was nervous ahead of the debut. "I usually suspect I know where 80 per cent of the laughs are going to be, but there's always that 20 per cent where I wonder, is that going to work?"

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United in TV watching

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THE ELECTRONIC HEARTH DIMS? The coverage of Barack Obama's inauguration yesterday was as uninteresting as it was overwrought, but the best thing I read about the event was written by Eric Deggans of the St. Petersburg Times on his blog.

With the Super Bowl in two weeks, it's worth noting that there aren't a lot of events that can guarantee the networks massive numbers any more. Football's biggest game is one, a big deal reality competition show like Idol is another, and a presidential inauguration is still in the running, especially when it's freighted with so much "history," as we've been so persistently reminded.

A major disaster or news event also counts, but I can remember a day when the list was longer, and included the network TV debut of a blockbuster film, or the final episode of a much-loved TV show, all of which seemed to empty the streets, malls, bars and movie theatres. Hell, I remember when the

world seemed to stand still for the funeral of Lyndon Johnson, in the midst of Watergate's political and social turmoil.

Deggans wonders just

how much longer we'll find ourselves gathered, alone or in a group, in front of the TV, as part of some communal ritual of witnessing: "In to-

day's super-fragmented media environment," he writes, "little beyond American Idol and the Super Bowl can draw us together around TV's electronic hearth. Once upon a time, everyone could remember where they were when news broke that President Kennedy was shot or Saigon had fallen. These days ... even the selection of a vice president is announced by text message."

Technology moves fast — eight years ago, I would have doubted that my VCR would be gathering dust, replaced by a pumped-up cable box that recorded shows at the touch of a button, or that my CD collection would have been distilled into a hard drive on the top of my computer.

As the viewing experience atomizes and the generations accustomed to ritual witnessing move on, that communal sense of a moment will dissolve, as news — and "history" — becomes more commonplace, like text crawl running at the bottom of our screens.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

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Entertainment in brief

AWARDS The Online Film Critics Society, which consists of Internet-based film critics, has named WALL-E best picture of the year. The film also picked up an award for Andrew Stanton and Jim Reardon's original

screenplay and was hailed as best animated film. Two other films, though, scored more trophies: The Dark Night and the Swedish vampire movie Let the Right One In both earned four mentions each.

REUTERS

50 Cent fearless entrepreneur

FILM Bullet-scarred rapper 50 Cent owns a record label and clothing line, acts and writes books, and now he is adding film production to his multimedia empire — promoting his new venture this week at the Sundance Film Festival.

50 Cent, whose real name is Curtis Jackson, has launched Cheetah Vision, and he told Reuters at Sundance, the top U.S. independent film festival, that he was not concerned about starting a new business during the global financial crisis.

"I don't think it will affect me as much as it will the other people that are out there because I'm not afraid to finance some of these things myself if I have to," he said.

The rapper, who takes his name from a "stickup kid from Brooklyn," was ranked No. 26 on Forbes 2008 list of top 100 richest celebrities with estimated earnings of about \$150 million between June 2007 and June 2008.



50 Cent, a.k.a. Curtis Jackson.

50 Cent had a stake in Glaceau, which makes Vitaminwater, and the bulk of his earnings came from the sale of the company to Coca-Cola Co. Forbes estimates the rapper banked about \$100 million after taxes from the deal.

REUTERS

In brief

CELEBRITY Quincy Jones, the Grammy Award-winning producer and composer, is following the lead of U2 frontman Bono by becoming a guest columnist as newspapers look for new ways to entice readers and survive an advertising slump.

FILM FESTIVAL Expanding its video-on-demand offerings, independent distributor and cable channel IFC Films is partnering with the South by Southwest Film Conference and Festival to present five movies on IFC Festival Direct simultaneous with their appearance at the March film festival in Austin, Texas. REUTERS

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Lie to Me

Tell the truth: You've been jonesing for another drama series in the mold of "Psych" and "The Mentalist." This new offering also has a superobservant hero, Dr. Cal Lightman (Tim Roth), who works with law enforcement, but his specialty is lie detecting; he can spot a fib a mile away, and this skill is in demand from more than just the police. Kelli Williams ("The Practice") also stars. 10:03 PM on CIHF, FOX



The Week the Women Went And they're off! No, this isn't a horse race; it's another season of the reality series in which all the women in a Canadian village are shipped off for a luxury vacation, leaving the men to fill the void. This season, the location is Tatamagouche, N.S., a one-time shipbuilding hub whose fishing industry is struggling. Taking on the women's work is a real wake-up call for the men, many of whom have been working long hours and traveling long distances. 8 PM on CBC

Lost

The wait is over for those of you who have been feeling, well, lost since this series went on its long hiatus. In case you need a refresher on the story so far, tonight's two-hour season premiere is preceded by a clip show to refresh your memory ... and maybe get that reluctant viewer up to speed and ready to join the fan club. 9 PM on ABC ASN

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	27	27	27	YTV	Drake & Josh	iCarly	Scorpion	Prank Patrol	Malcolm-Mid.	Futurama	Adrenaline Proj	Prank Patrol	
	16	16	16	A&E	Cold Case Files		CSI: Miami "Recoil"		Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Dog the Bounty Hunter	Falcon Wars	
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	47	47	47	SPACE	Stargate SG-1		Lost (Part 3 of 3)		The Dresden Files "Storm Front"			Rabbit Fall	
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Singer Britney Spears is set to become an author — and a very well paid one, at that. Spears has reportedly signed a \$20 million deal to write her autobiography once her Circus tour is done later this year, according to the N.Y. Daily Mail. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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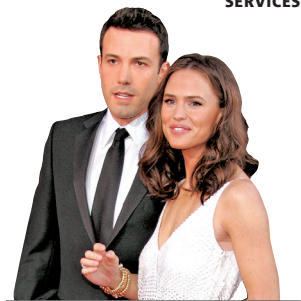
Affleck won't talk about baby name

BABY What's the hidden meaning behind Ben Affleck and Jennifer Garner's newborn daughter's name? The actors won't say, reports usmagazine.com

"That's something that is going to stay in our family," Affleck told Entertainment Tonight when asked about the unusual moniker, Seraphina.

He then said Seraphina and her older sister Violet, 3, are doing "wonderful."

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Cross' husband has cancer

HEALTH Marcia Cross' husband, stockbroker Tom Mahoney, has been diagnosed with cancer, people.com is reporting.

"He is currently under treatment and is responding very well," the actress' rep Heidi Slan tells People magazine. The two were married in June 2006, and have 23-month-old fraternal twin daughters, Eden and Savannah.

Cross has credited her husband's love and support for her own happiness.

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Pitt muses on his mortality

ROLE While in Berlin for the European premiere of The Curious Case of Benjamin Button, Brad Pitt took some time to muse on mortality. "I'm not so afraid of getting old," Pitt told reporters while discussing the film, in which he plays a man who ages backward.

"I'm more afraid of how I'll go. Fire and tight spaces don't appeal. A shark would be interesting."



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Cannon likes 'Mr. Carey' name

MARRIAGE Nick Cannon likes being known as "Mr. Carey," femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actor-and-rapper — who married Mariah Carey following a whirlwind romance last year — doesn't mind when people say his wife is more famous than him, claiming he just takes the teasing in his stride.

Asked how he feels when people say cruel things about his wife, Nick replied: "My heart goes out to my wife every time she has to hear something like that. I don't care about nothing, I'm just silly. I make fun of me all the time, I'm like, 'Call me Mr. Carey, who cares?'"

Nick added he feels "blessed" to be with Mariah. He told the TV show Extra: "I'm blessed to have a partner that's truly one of those people that affect the world."

Mariah was equally as gushing about her husband, revealing the secret to the couple's happy relationship is that they are not afraid to tell each other exactly how they feel.

She said: "The secret to me is realizing when you meet the right person and being brave enough to dive in and say this is the right person for me. We have fun like nobody's business."

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Cyrus lectured by church pastor

RELATIONSHIP Miley Cyrus was lectured by her church pastor for sending text messages to her boyfriend, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 16-year-old Hannah Montana star and model Justin Gaston, 20, reportedly infuriated the minister by communicating through their mobile phones during a service at their place of worship in Montrose, California.

The pastor was said to be so upset

he took them both aside to speak about their behaviour. A source told America's Star magazine:

"They thought they could fool people, but Miley couldn't stop giggling."

Despite the age difference between Miley and Justin, the singer-and-actress

says her family approve of their relationship because the underwear model is "a good Christian guy."

Miley said: "Our families are like, 'Whatever happens, happens.' If he's nothing but a really good friend, that's awesome."

"More than anything, he has really helped me move on from a lot of things. He's a really great Christian guy. He's gone through stuff, and I've gone through stuff, and everyone goes through that."

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Winehouse's dad dishes in documentary

HEALTH Amy Winehouse's father says the singer came "close to death" twice during her worst moments, people.com reports.

Detailing his daughter's lowest points for the upcoming TV documentary Saving Amy, Mitch Winehouse says that while the media have been reveling in her downfall, "They didn't see her lying in bed for days in a dark room," he is quoted in Hello! magazine. "She was close to death twice. We have been working a lot to get her to where she is right now," said the elder Winehouse, who now claims his daughter is drug-free.

Amy's mother, Janis, also

appears in Saving Amy — and is highly critical of Winehouse's husband, Blake Fielder-Civil, who announced last

week he is divorcing the singer after seeing photos of her with hunky rugby player Josh Bowman.

This week brought new tabloid reports that Amy Winehouse, 25, has moved from Bowman on to another man at the St. Lucia resort where she is vacationing.

According to femalefirst.co.uk,

Winehouse has enjoyed several dates with a tennis instructor at her St. Lucia hotel.

A source said: "Amy has met another man and they are getting on really well. She has had her eye on him for a while. He is another clean-cut, handsome, healthy bloke, much like Josh."

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Will Foxx continue Obama imitations?

CAREER Jamie Foxx might have already lined up his next big movie role, usmagazine.com reports.

The actor, who imitated Barack Obama at the We Are One kick-off concert at the Lincoln Memorial on Sunday, seemed ready to portray the then president-elect.

"Oh, I don't know," Foxx told usmagazine.com at the Declare Yourself event at the Renaissance Hotel in Washington, D.C. on Sunday. "He's going to do his own movie for the next four to eight years."

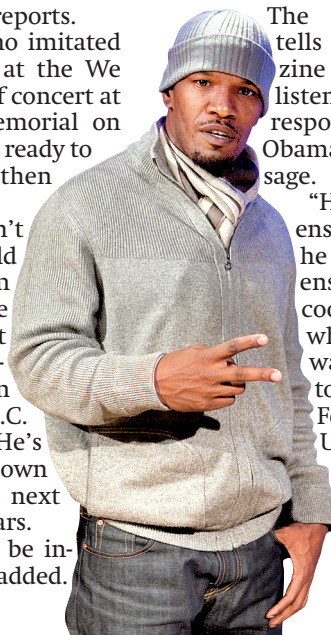
"It's going to be incredible," Foxx added.

Foxx, who recently began discussing politics on his Sirius radio show called The Foxxhole,

tells Us magazine that his listeners have responded to Obama's message.

"He straightens us up, but he straightens us up cool, even when he walked out today," Foxx tells Us magazine.

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Usher talks volunteerism

INSPIRATION When Barack Obama urged Americans to embrace a new spirit of community service, Usher took that message to heart, people.com reports.

The pop star pumped up grade-schoolers and other volunteers with handshakes, jokes and words of praise as they repainted walls and built two libraries at Simon Elementary School in southeast D.C. — an area with a high dropout rate — on the afternoon of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

During a feed to Oprah Winfrey's live show from the Kennedy Center

Opera House, the singer talked up the need for volunteerism — even working in a reference to Aristotle — before cuing the kids to yell, "Go serve!" to her audience.

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Rumour of new Paris sex tape

PEOPLE Rumors are circulating that there's a new Paris Hilton sex tape out there, this one showing the heiress in a "state of arousal in the back of a New York City taxi," according to Britain's the Sun.

There's been no comment from Hilton, who has been spotted multiple times at the Sundance Film Festival making out with MySpace CEO Chris DeWolfe, according to the New York Post.



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Photographer saves Jen's dog

PETS Constant paparazzi surveillance actually paid off for once for Jennifer Aniston.

Apparently her beloved dog, Norman, attempted to run away recently, but was nabbed by a photographer staked outside her Malibu, Calif., home before it could dart into a busy intersection, according to Hollyscoop.

No word on what, if anything, Aniston did as thanks when Norman was returned safe and sound.



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Take Five

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Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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Crossword across

- 1 Unruly group
4 Carrots' mates
8 Arp's style
12 Gorilla
13 Sicilian volcano
14 State with certainty
15 Eviscerate
16 Do-over coupon
18 Stern or Singer
20 Guy's companion
21 Tony of golf lore
24 Coven member
28 Lake or dam in Montana
32 Emanation
33 Altar affirmative
34 Ex-Senator Lott
- 36 Fiddler's need
37 Roster
39 Sweater type
41 Slug with a shell
43 '60s protest of a sort
44 Burst
46 Indigent
50 "The Tempest"
occurrence
55 Tiny
56 "In — horse open sleigh"
57 Exam format
58 Right angle
59 Fix
60 Recede
61 Tear

Crossword down

- 1 Creche trio
2 Piece of work
3 Bygone VHS alternative
4 Impression obtained by the senses
5 Greek H
6 Folk rocker
DiFranco
7 Crooned
8 Showy bloom
9 "Hail, Caesar!"
10 Calendar abbr.
11 Clumsy craft
17 Corvine call
19 Model Carol
- 22 Ford make, for short
23 Sharp-tongued
25 Toothpaste container
26 Gator's kin
27 Warmonger
28 Son, on the Seine
29 Valhalla VIP
30 Parks or Bon-heur
31 Dandling locale
35 Scintillate
38 Left a gratuity
40 Away from
- SSW
42 Depressed
45 Front of a ship
47 Basin accessory
48 Sandwich shop
49 Kennel cry
50 Muppet eagle
51 Weeding tool
52 Hostel
53 Historic time
54 Holder for 4-Across

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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9	6	5	8	7	4	2	1	3
7	1	8	3	5	2	9	6	4
4	3	2	9	6	1	5	7	8

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:	17-21 min	Smart	
Under 13 min	Genius	21-25 min	Not bad
13-17 min	Scholar	25+ min	Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day



Fruity One-Pot Lamb

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 tbsp (15 ml) vegetable oil
- 1 2/3 lbs (800 g) best neck lamb chops, cut into pieces
- 2 onions, sliced
- 2/3 lb (300 g) carrots, peeled and cut into batons
- 1 1/2 tbsp (20 ml) red or white wine vinegar
- 3 cups (700 ml) chicken stock, hot
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) ground turmeric
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) ground cumin
- 3 sprigs of fresh thyme
- 2 bay leaves
- salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 cup (250 ml) long-grain white rice
- 3/4 cup (175 ml) dried apricots, halved
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) sultanas

TO GARNISH
Bay leaves

METHOD:

- 1. Heat oil in large flame-proof casserole dish, add half the meat and briefly

brown on both sides. Drain and remove to plate, then repeat with rest of meat. Add onions and carrots to dish, cook for 5 minutes, then add wine vinegar and cook over high heat 2 minutes, scraping up meaty bits. 2. Pour in hot stock, then add turmeric, cumin, thyme, bay leaves and salt and pepper to season and bring to the boil. Reduce heat, return meat to casserole, cover and simmer 1 hour. 3. Add rice, apricots and sultanas to casserole and cook 20 minutes, stirring after 10 minutes, until rice meat are both tender. (stock will be absorbed.) Remove bay leaves and thyme, check for seasoning and serve hot.

SERVES 4

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Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Severe delays will make you very impatient. A middle aged mom will be completely discreet. Being scolded has an outrageous effect on a friend.



LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Force yourself to ask for advice. Don't feel forsaken when someone is malicious. Your enthusiasm causes you to ace a tough task.



TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Someone is on the road to recovery. A revelation forces a liar to be honest. A coward will experience a minor injury.



SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
It's your turn to be supportive to helpful people. Say nothing about someone's filthy lifestyle. A visitor causes awkward laughter.



GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Ignore the comical ravings of a bad boy. Don't argue if someone returns early. Your charisma is needed in the evening.



SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
A surprising rebellion causes hopefulness. Ignore complaints made by a skeptical person. Your suspicions will prove to be well-founded.



CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Try to do something that you've never done before. A brute will get in the way of a deal. A bad situation will have a surprise ending.



CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
The anticipation of passion deceives a friend. A little guy will thrill you with a discovery. You'll be asked to rescue a friend.



LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
A guilty guy has an ulterior motive. An ethical person has an extreme mood change. An anecdote about love will raise questions.



AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
You'll want to make up with someone. A man is saving you from the truth. You'll have to talk about a hostile takeover.



VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Insist that someone take time away from their computer. A weeping victim meets with the authorities. A smarmy relative is telling the truth.



PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
A good-humoured declaration causes damages. Hearty greetings announce a sweetheart's arrival. A respectful person inspires you.



This day in history

JAN. 21, 1189: Philip II of France and Richard I of England begin to assemble troops to wage the Third Crusade.
JAN. 21, 1793: After being found guilty of treason by the French Convention, Louis XVI of France was executed by the guillotine.
JAN. 21, 1924: Vladimir Lenin dies; a lengthy power struggle emerges between Leon Trotsky and Joseph Stalin begins, culminating to the latter's consolidation of power in 1928.
JAN. 21, 1948: The Flag of Quebec is adopted and flown for the first time, over the National Assembly of Quebec. The day is marked annually as Quebec Flag Day.

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1. Writing tablet craze (1)
2. Lets farmers' goods fall to the floor (1)
3. "Pop" test brainiac (1)
4. Via the animal park (1)
5. Not as new unpaved side of the road (2)
6. Choosing mattress and pillow cover fabric (2)
7. Puts shellac on adornments like parsley (3)

ANSWERS: 1. PAD EAD 2. DROPS CROPS 3. QUIZ WHIZ 4. THROUGH ZOO 5. OLDER SHOULD 6. PICKING TICKING 7. VARNISHES GARNISHES

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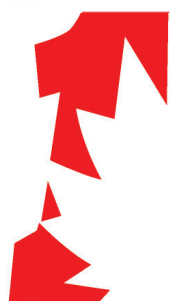
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